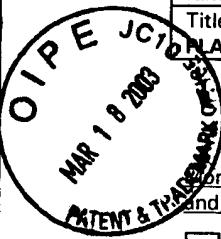


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Transmitted herewith is Amendment; Transmittal (in duplicate); Petition and Fee for Extension of Time of One Month (in duplicate); Check for \$110.00 as payment of filing fee for Petition and Fee for Extension of Time of One Month; and return postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27(b) has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

Petition for a 1-month extension of time.

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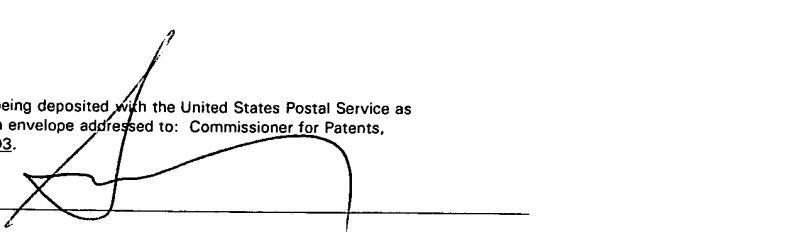
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